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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/553,899	Applicant(s) THORNELL-PERS ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael C. Wimer	Art Unit 2821	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 October 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 8, there appears to be no proper antecedent basis for "the DC blocking arrangement." Also, the language, "and preferably...element" is not clear since it is more specific than any of the structure recited and thus is incorrectly implied.

In Claim 11, similarly the language "preferably..." recites a more specific limitation but not an actual range in a clear manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Abstracts to document no. JP11298231A ('231) in view of Japanese Patent Abstracts to document JP 2000 236209 ('209).

Regarding Claims 1,2,4-8 and 16, the '231 reference teaches a microstrip antenna with two patches 101,102 and parallel ground plane 104 and the patch

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elements connected through a switch 105 and the patch 102 having ground connection through the capacitance 201, all arranged for a portable radio. The '209 reference teaches an antenna with elements 1a,1c connected together via a voltage controlled switch 2a with filter 3e at the input feeder 7,8 for blocking RF and element 1c connected to ground via filter 3a. It would have been obvious to employ the switch taught in the '209 reference in lieu of that used in '231 for automatic frequency control of the antenna on more than one frequency.

Regarding Claim 3 a PIN diode would have been obvious to the skilled artisan as a stock-shelf switch available to the designer skilled in the art. Regarding Claim 9, any protruding portion of an antenna would have been obvious to feed in order to provide matching impedance. Regarding Claim 11, the size of the antenna is dependent upon frequency of operation as is well known in the art. Regarding Claim 12, a PIFA is formed when the elements have a ground portion and feed, as would have been obvious to the skilled artisan. Regarding Claims 14 and 15, resistances are part of filter arrangements which would have been obvious to the skilled artisan.

5. The patent to Meyers et al. is cited as of interest showing a switched filter antenna system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wimer whose telephone number is (571) 272-1833. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W. Owens can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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